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SUBJECT: IDF ACTIVITY IN SOUTH LEBANON ON 2 SEP

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1. AIRA CONTACTED LEB FLO WHO CONFIRMED
ISRAELI STRIKES IN S. LEBANON AFTERNOON 2 SEP.

2. AT APPROX 1215L, ISRAELI ARTILLER CON-
DUCTED SPARADIC FIRE (48-50 RDS) OVER A PERIOD
OF SEVERAL HOURS INTO THE ARQUOB AREA VICINITY
RASHAYYA AL FUKHKAR (3321N-3540E) IN SE LEBANON.
THIS WAS FOLLOWED UP AT APPROX 1830L BY AN AIR
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STRIKE OF "FOUR PHANTOMS" ON A SUSPECTED

FEDAYEEN LOCATION NEAR ABU QAMHAH (3323N-3540E).
THE AIR STRIKE LASTED APPROX 10-15 MIN WITH UNKNOWN
RESULTS. THE FRENCH NEWSPAPER L'ORIENT LE JOUR
REPORTED SAM-6'S WERE FIRED AT THE ATTACKING ACFT,
RESULTING IN ONE ACFT DEPARTING THE AREA TRAILING
SMOKE. END UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENT: THE AIR RAID, THE SECOND IN FIVE DAYS,
STRUCK AT THE RUGGED REGION KNOWN AS "FATAHLAND"
BECAUSE OF ITS CONCENTRATION OF PALESTINIAN COMMANDOS.
THE STRIKES WERE PROBABLY AIMED AT FORESTALLING RAIDS
BY THE PALESTINIANS OPPOSED TO THE NEW ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN
ACCORD. REFERENCE TO THE SAM-6 FIRINGS WAS PROBABLY
IN ERROR ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS OF SUCH
WEAPONS BEING LOCATED IN THE ARQUOB. HOWEVER, IT HAS
BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONFIRMED THAT THE FEDAYEEN ARE
EQUIPPED WITH AND HAVE USED SAM-7'S AGAINST PREVIOUS
ISRAELI AIR RAIDS. THIS COULD HAVE BEEN THE WEAPON
USED IN THIS LATEST ATTACK.

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